

GRIDIRON WARRIORS

SOME MEN OF MIGHTY DEEDS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

How the New Rules Affect the Game. Fame of De Witt as a Pigskin Kicker—Prowess of Rafferty of Yale and Marshall of Harvard.

Revision of the playing rules has somewhat changed the complexion of football, but it is still nearly as fascinating as ever to players and spectators alike.

The chief change, and the one in which the general public is most interested, is that which seeks the abolition of mass plays in certain parts of the field, by reason of which much youthful blood has been shed in the past.

This new rule provides that when the ball is in play in the center section of the field—that is, in the portion embraced between the two twenty-five yard lines—at least seven of the players of the side having the ball must be on the line of scrimmage and, further, that when the quarter back receives the ball within the territory mentioned he may not carry it beyond the line of scrimmage unless in so doing he crosses that line at least five yards from either side of the point where the snapper back put the ball into play. This makes necessary a comparatively open style of game in the middle section of the field and is intended to lessen the liability to injury which results from the steady pounding of the mass play.

According to the new rules, then, the old style of mass play is restricted to the sections between the two twenty-five yard lines and the goals. As much of the play occurs in these zones, it does not seem likely that the chances of injury to the players have been greatly lessened. Other changes provide for increased penalties for unfair tactics.

Of the college players who have won fame on the gridiron none stands out more prominently than John A. De Witt, captain of the Princeton eleven, who is a veteran of several campaigns and is generally conceded to be the best all around football player on the gridiron today, his record being one of



JOHN A. DE WITT.

unusual brilliancy. He plays guard on his team and is unexcelled in that position, but it is as a punter and drop kicker that he shines, and to the power of his mighty leg was due the only scores made by Princeton in two of its big games last year.

In the game with Yale during the last few minutes of play he kicked the ball squarely between the goal posts from the forty-eight yard line, an almost unprecedented performance. Indeed so much was his kicking feared by Yale's superior team that the blue found it necessary not only to keep the orange and black away from the Yale goal line, but even from the center of the field. Likewise in the game with Cornell, the only points scored by Princeton were made by the mighty De Witt, who placed two drop kicks over Cornell's crossbar.

De Witt has won still other honors in athletics, being the present champion intercollegiate hammer thrower and shot putter. He is a member of several of the leading college clubs and fraternities and is one of the most popular students in the university. He is familiarly known among his fellows by the nickname "Fat."

Other noted gridiron warriors are Captain C. G. Rafferty of Yale and Carl Marshall, who commands the Harvard forces. Rafferty plays end on his team and is a giant in stature, standing 6 feet 1 inch in height and weighing 170 pounds. As end rush Rafferty is said to be equalled by few and surpassed by none. As a field captain he is held to be superior to De Witt. He always plays the kind of football that has won championships for Yale, and that had much to do with his selection as captain.

Marshall, the Harvard captain, is a quarter back of unusual ability and is considered as strong behind the line as is De Witt in the position of guard. He is a star player of the first magnitude, a veteran quarter back of several years' experience and is noted for coolness in a position where the nervous strain is necessarily great. He runs his team like a machine and is a good field general. He has the advantage over both Rafferty and De Witt that he is a quarter back and will not have to depend upon another man to run the team.

Berea and Vicinity.

GATHERED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES

J. L. Ambrose made a business trip to Rockcastle county Saturday.

P. M. Reynolds visited his uncle, Henry Reynolds, at Livingston, over Sunday.

C. A. Lowen, Jackson street, was in Lincoln county most of the past week on business.

Robert Richardson and family have moved in from Big Hill and are now residents of Berea.

Dr. L. A. Davis and Mr. C. I. Ogg brought in 27 birds Saturday as the result of a day's sport.

The colored school in Berea is seriously hindered by the neglect of the trustees to provide fuel.

John Boggs has moved from the Cumberland House to the Kindred House on Scaffold Cane pike.

Henry S. Simpson and Miss Bertha Ogg were married by Rev. M. K. Pasco Nov. 21 at the home of James Ogg.

J. B. Hoskins and family have moved to Berea from Clay county and taken up their residence on Center street.

J. M. Haley and wife are moving into their new house on Big Hill pike this week. They formerly lived at Big Hill.

Prof. W. H. Cord, principal of Hazel Green Academy, at Hazel Green, Ky., filled the pulpit at Second church Sunday.

Will Hanson, wife and children, of Winchester, are spending Thanksgiving with Mr. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hanson.

W. R. Gabbard and family, who have been in Mansfield, Ill., for the past eight months, returned to Berea this week to spend the winter.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving service at the Tabernacle Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. Come and let us be thankful together.

The Postoffice will be open Thursday, Nov. 26, from 6 A.M. to 7:30 A.M., from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M., and from 4:30 P.M. to 6 P.M.—S. G. Hanson, P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Muncy's little five-year old son, Chester, died Saturday morning of scarlet fever, and was buried Sunday in the Berea Cemetery.

Charley Reynolds, formerly night operator here, has been appointed agent at Brush Creek, and entered upon his duties there Wednesday of last week.

Esau Isaacs was tried in Glade Justice's Court before Justice Lunsford, Monday, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, and fined \$25 and costs, and given 10 days in jail.

Thos. L. Francis, who graduated from the farmer's course here last year and had taken considerable work in the carpenter's course, has left Tuskegee, and is now employed by a builder and contractor at Selma, Ala.

Mr. Jeff Daugherty, of Kerby Knob, was thrown violently from his wagon last Thursday, sustaining a fractured collar bone. Dr. Cornelius set the broken bone, and at last reports Mr. Daugherty was doing well.

Mr. T. K. Tutt was called here Saturday by a telegram, owing to the sickness of his wife. Mr. Tutt has charge of the narrow gauge railroad owned and operated by the Swandee Lumber Co., at McCormick, Ky.

Miss Mosher, one of the national organizers in W. C. T. U. work, gave a fine temperance lecture at the Tabernacle Tuesday night, under the auspices of the local union. One hundred and eighty-two persons signed the pledge.

Lester Hill in his play Thursday in some way dislocated his left arm at the elbow. He was taken to the hospital where Dr. Cornelius put the injured member in place. The arm is doing nicely though it will have to be carried in a sling for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Roberts, Big Hill pike, lost their seven month's old baby, Edgar, last Friday, after an illness of 22 days with pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. E. Thomson at the house, followed by burial in Berea Cemetery.

Mrs. Alice M. Williams, a missionary under the American Board to North China, will speak of her work at the Congregational church Thursday night, Dec. 3, at seven o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Williams' husband was one of the martyrs in the Boxer uprising two years ago.

OWSLEY COUNTY.

GABBARD.

P. M. Reynolds and wife, of Hamilton, O., are visiting relatives in this county. They visited here Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Mr. Reynolds was formerly a resident of this place, but moved to Berea some years ago. This was their first visit since they moved to Hamilton, and their friends were glad to see them. They go back to Berea, where Mrs. Reynolds will stay this winter. Mr. Reynolds will return to Hamilton, where he will resume his work as blacksmith for the Champion Coated Paper Mill.

College Items

HERE AND THERE

Tutor C. D. Lewis was here Saturday, leaving in the evening to visit home folks in Pulaski county.

Prin. M. E. Marsh attended the State Superintendent's Convention at Louisville the latter part of last week.

Wm. Dager and wife, returned missionaries from Africa, are guests of Sec'y and Mrs. Gamble this week.

Miss J. A. Robinson attended the Y. W. C. A. conference in session at Nashville, Tenn., the past week. Miss E. K. Corwin did not go as announced in last week's issue.

The football game to be played Thanksgiving Day between the Alpha Zeta team and a picked eleven is attracting much interest. Game will be called at 3 o'clock sharp.

John Barton, a student here in the 90's, brother of Rev. W. E. Barton, was married at Newport, Ky., Saturday, Nov. 14, to Miss Annie Walters. They will reside in Lancaster, Ky.

Miss M. White, of Portland, Conn., was a visitor to the Institution for several days this week being entertained over Sunday at the home of Pres. and Mrs. Frost. Miss White came here from Cincinnati where she attended the National W. C. T. U. convention.

The football game Saturday between the colored boys here and a colored team from Richmond resulted in a score of 0 to 0. The Berea boys, however, had the best of it all through the game and at one time had the ball within one foot of the goal line for a touch down. They weakened at this critical point and failed to push it over, while the Richmond boys braced up and put the ball behind their danger line. Geo. White, Norman Williams, and Paul Smith did the star work for Berea, while J. B. Phelps, V. Ervin and G. Yates were Richmond's stars.

Elected Gompers.

Boston, Nov. 23.—Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor over Ernest Krefth of Philadelphia by a vote of 12,524 to 1,136.

Thirty Turks Killed.

Salonica, European Turkey, Nov. 23.—On the arrival of the battalion of troops which was dispatched from Seres, in Macedonia, to reinforce a Turkish command besieged for two days in the mountains near Spatovo by a band of 350 insurgents, the latter withdrew. The losses of the insurgents are unknown. Thirty of the Turkish soldiers and one officer were killed and 47 wounded.

Execution Postponed.

Columbus, O., Nov. 19.—Ben and Al Wade, the Toledo men condemned to die Saturday morning, will not be executed then. The supreme court granted the attorneys for the Wades leave to file a petition in error to the Lucas county courts, in which they were tried. The petition in error will be filed at once. The action of the court postpones the execution until the court acts on the petition.

Insurgents Bombard City.

San Domingo, Nov. 18.—The political situation here is serious. The insurgents are bombarding the city. Generals Wenceslao Figueroa and Juan Francisco Sanchez are refugees in the foreign legations. The city is completely invested by 4,000 men under Pichard and four other generals.

Rich Copper Find.

Marinette, Wis., Nov. 18.—A copper deposit, rich in quality and of immense extent has been discovered near Carney, Mich., about 30 miles north of Menominee. Mining experts familiar with the Calumet formation declare the deposits at Carney are exactly similar.

PROF. TODD'S DEATH.

The town and community were shocked and saddened when it was learned early Friday morning that Prof. Ernest W. Todd had suddenly passed away Thursday night at ten o'clock from heart failure. He taught his classes Tuesday, and was up town Wednesday morning, and only the attending physician, the immediate family and intimate friends knew that the end might come at any time. He went to sleep Thursday night, never to awake in this world, but to open his eyes in the world beyond in the presence of his Lord and Saviour.

The memorial services were held Sunday afternoon at the tabernacle. After a prayer at the house by Rev. A. E. Thomson, the remains were borne forth by relays of members from Phi Delta, the society which Mr. Todd had loved, and in which he had labored so faithfully for many years. Just before reaching the Tabernacle the casket was turned over to the pall bearers made up mostly of the town friends of Mr. Todd, who bore it into the Tabernacle. After singing by the College quartette and prayer by President Frost, Rev. A. E. Thomson, followed by Prof. L. V. Dodge, paid fitting tribute to the manly Christian courage, to the quiet helpfulness, and the unobtruding but all pervading influence for good which had characterized the life of the departed, in talks freighted with valuable lessons for the listeners. After the service the body was borne by relays of students of the College and Academy to its last resting place in the Berea Cemetery. Floral tributes were not lacking to show the esteem and high regard in which Prof. Todd was held. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Ernest W. Todd was born July 4, 1876, in Stuart, Iowa, and died, Nov. 19, 1903, aged 27 years, 4 months and 15 days. When an infant he was taken with his family to Massachusetts, where they resided until coming to Berea in 1891, when Ernest was 15 years old. Even at that age he was a Christian, and with his parents united with the Union church by letter. He at once became a student in the Academy, and graduated from the Literary Course of the College in '97. The following year he was assistant to his father in Chemistry and Physics, and after his father's death took his place, further fitting himself for the work by study at Champaign, Ill., and Cornell University.

Conference of College Men.

The State Conference of the Student Young Men's Christian Association of Kentucky will be held at Georgetown, Ky., beginning Friday afternoon, December 4th, and closing Sunday night, December 6th. From 150 to 200 delegates are expected from the 24 Student Associations in the State. The citizens of Georgetown will provide entertainment for all accredited delegates, and reduced rates on the various railroads in the State have been secured. Among the speakers announced for the Conference are: Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., Louisville; President W. G. Frost, D. D., Berea College; Prof. J. C. Acheson, Danville; Mr. Clayton S. Cooper, New York, and Mr. L. E. McLachlin, Columbus, Ohio.

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